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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement made August 9, 2007, concerning the above-identified matter, Applicants elect the invention recited in claims 1-25 (Group 5 - siRNA sequence, SEQ ID NO:3) for examination on the merits with traverse.